HF Happenings 939

It is time for Field Day!

A Busy Weekend on 13 and 14 March

Well, there is the QSO Today Virtual Expo to attend, visit www.qsotodayhamexpo.com.

Also, the 84th **RSGB Commonwealth Contest** – CW only. The Commonwealth contest starts at 10:00 UTC (12:00 CAT) on Saturday 13 March with activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres and ends at 10:00 UTC (12:00 CAT) on Sunday 14 March. The rules can be found at https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2021/rberu.shtml

Then there is the SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest starting at 05:00 UTC (07:00 CAT) with 6 m activity in the first 2 hours, then from 07:00 UTC it is 2 m activity and from 09:00 UTC it is 70 cm until 11:00 UTC. This is repeated on Sunday 14 March. The rules are on page 44 of the 2021 Blue Book.

The SARL National Field Day. The first leg of the SARL National Field Day starts at 08:00 UTC on Saturday 13 March and ends at 06:00 UTC on Sunday 14 March – so that Clubs can use their call signs after 06:00 UTC for Club bulletins.

The aim of the SARL National Field Day is to work as many stations in Southern Africa as possible on all the HF amateur bands (excluding the 2 200, 630, 60, 30, 17 and 12 m bands) using phone, CW, RTTY, PSK and any other digital mode that has the capability to send the exchange. In doing so, to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A

premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

You can participate as a Class A – Field Station, Multi operator or Class B – Field Station, Multi operator, QRP or Class C – Field Station, Single Operator or Class D – Field Station, Single Operator, QRP or Class E – Ultra Light Portable or Class F - Backyard Stations or Class G - General Stations.

The exchange is the number of transmitters, the Field Day operating class and your Provincial abbreviation, which is all. No RS or RST or RSQ reports. The rules are on page 88 of the 2021 Blue Book and your log must be sent by 23:59 CAT on Friday 19 March to zs4bfn@mweb.co.za.

DXCC's Most Wanted (ClubLog)

The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of 1 March. The list contains 340 entities. There have been no changes in the "Top 26" since we last reported back on 31 January. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list (340) is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The following are the top 26 entities:

1.	P5	DPRK (North Korea)	14.	KH4	Midway Island
2.	3Y/B	Bouvet Island	15.	ZS8	Prince Edward& Marion Islands
3.	FT5/W	Crozet Island	16.	PY0S	Saint Peter and Paul Rocks
4.	BS7H	Scarborough Reef	17.	PY0T	Trindade& Martim Vaz Islands
5.	CE0X	San Felix Islands	18.	KP5	Desecheo Island
6.	BV9P	Pratas Island	19.	SV/A	Mount Athos
7.	KH7K	Kure Island	20.	VP8S	South Sandwich Islands
8.	KH3	Johnston Island	21.	KH5	Palmyra& Jarvis Islands
9.	3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	22.	ZL9	New Zealand Sub-antarctic Islands
10.	FT5/X	Kerguelen Island	23.	JD/M	Minami Torishima
11.	FT/G	Glorioso Island	24.	EZ	Turkmenistan
12.	VK0M	Macquarie Island	25.	YK	Syria
13.	YV0	Aves Island	26.	FK/C	Chesterfield Island

The CQ WPX SSB Contest

The CQ WPX SSB Contest https://www.cqwpx.com/ is coming up on the weekend of 27 and 28 March. You can find some excellent pointers on strategy and how to maximize your score by reading the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (completed) pointers in the Northern California Contest Club's February JUG magazine https://www.nccc.cc/jug/2021/02jug2021.pdf. David, WD6T starts off with location, location, location, then heads into antennas, pointing out that contacts on 160 to 40 metres are worth double those on the higher bands. Then, strategy. Prefixes are the multipliers, so if you have a unique one, or access to a unique one, use it! He also points out that part-time contesters could maximize their contribution by throwing in with a distributed multi-multi effort. David points out that knowing the rules, and the changes in the rules, is important, and should influence where you point your antennas and what bands you are on to maximize QSO values.

The Results of the first SARL 40 m Club Grid Square Sprint

The first leg of the SARL 40 m Club Grid Square Sprint was held on Saturday 27 February (yes, International Milk Tart Day!) Fifty-five (55) logs were received, reflecting 708 QSOs, 404 grids and 327 Clubs worked.

Contest times are always given in UTC, never in CAT! Then on page 65 of the 2021 Blue, Rule 4.3 states "The QSY rules for Sprints apply, refer paragraph 5 on page 22." Paragraph 5 on page 22 says, "*5. The QSY rule for the Sprints*

5.1 A Sprint is a short one hour activity.

5.2 The use of Searching and Pouncing (S&P) is encouraged. Listen around the frequency range of the Sprint for a station calling, pounce on him/her and make the QSO, then search for the next station.
5.3 Stations who want to run a frequency – sit on one frequency and call – must change frequency by 5 kHz after every 5 QSOs made." Unfortunately, there were some radio amateurs who did not read these rules and lost the 2 points per QSO.

Rule 7.2 is also important "*When submitting your log, your call sign must appear in the file name, e.g., ZS2B 2021 40 m Club Sprint Log and Summary Sheet.xlsx.*" And in 3 cases Rule 7.3 "*The name of the operator's Club must be shown on the log sheet.*"

Working through the logs, I picked up a pattern – certain logs looked the same, almost like a copy and paste exercise. It must be a bunch of operators siting on the same frequency and doing a round table. And a few logs sent to one person to complete the Excel log – line 3 is empty, all text in small letters, etc. And the exchange is a RS or RST report, your Club name and your 4 character grid square – not 6 but 4. Yes, I caught those trying to claim KG30BV and KG30CU as two separate grids – it will not work! And there is no Club in Ladybrand or Port Alfred!

It is GREAT to see new Clubs taking part in the Sprint.
1st the West Rand ARC – 1 208 (24 logs)
2nd the Hibiscus Coast ARC – 287 (6 logs)
3rd the Bo-Karoo ARC – 280 points (4 logs) – and not the Boerekaroo Club
4th the Boland ARC – 192 points (5 logs)
5th the Sandton ARC – 191 points (3 logs)
6th the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society – 186 points (4 logs) – and not the Port Elizbeth Amateur Radio Club
7th the Bloemfontein ARC – 119 points (1 log)
8th the Mooirivier ARC – 72 points (2 logs)
9th the Kempton Park Radio and Technical Society – 68 (2 logs)
10th the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre – 59 points (1 log) – and not the Cape Town Amateur Radio Club
11th the Northern Cape ARC - 36 points (1 log)
12th the Kimberley ARC – 13 points (1 log)

Individual Scores (3 logs did not show the name or club name)
1st Michael, ZS4BHF – 119 points
2nd Woody, ZS3WL - 118 points
3rd Veronica, ZR6TVK - 103 points
4th Kobus, ZS6BOS - 101 points
5th Karen, ZS6MMA - 98 points
6th Danie, ZS6DPS - 95 points
7th Jack , ZS6JJK - 92 points
8th Keith, ZS6HI - 91 points
9th Sid, ZS5H - 90 points
10th Gert, ZR6GRT - 81 points
11th Christi, ZS4CGR - 74 points
12th Anthony, ZS6ANT - 68 points
13th Heather, ZS5YH - 67 points
14th Wynand, ZS6WY - 65 points
15th Steve, ZS3SB and Gerhard, ZS6CRS - 64 points
17th Andrew, ZS6AN - 63 points
18th Schalk, ZS1LL - 62 points
19th Dylan, ZS2MAC - 60 points
20th Daniel, ZS1SCH - 59 points

21st Denise, ZS1DS and Errol, ZS6HE - 58 points
23rd Wynand, ZS6WMB and Johan, ZS6JHN - 54 points
25th Kevern, ZR2BK - 53 points
26th Rassie, ZS1YT - 51 points
27th Nick, ZS1N - 50 points
28th Johan, ZS6JBZ - 47 points
29th Theunis, ZS2EC - 42 points
30th Roy, ZS3RW; Dave, ZR6DM and Jan, ZS6ALC - 36 points
33rd Sid, ZS5SID - 35 points
34th Louis, ZS5LS and Phillip, ZS6PVT - 34 points
36th Fred, ZS6FWA - 32 points
37th Dave, ZS2DH and Brian, ZS5SB – 31 points
39th Gawie, ZS5R and Christo, ZS6MRV - 30 points
41st Dave, ZS6ACC - 29 points
42nd Andrew, ZR6M and ZS6STE - 27 points
44th Gordon, ZS6AGE - 25 points
45th Thys, ZS1TBP - 24 points
46th Romeo, ZS6ARQ - 21 points
47th Erika, ZS6ETB - 18 points
48th Herman, ZS1HG; Henk, ZS3HC and ZS6SJR - 13 points
51st Roger, ZS6YX - 12 points
52nd ZS6CGV - 10 points
53rd Marius, ZS1ML - 8 points
54th Joe, ZS6JOE - 5 points
ZS1H – empty log sheet received.

The second leg of the SARL 40 m Club Grid Square Sprint takes place on Tuesday 27 April 2021 – on Freedom Day!

Word to the Wise

BIC, B-I-C. - "Butt In Chair" radio contests have a defined start time and end time. If an operator is not at the radio and making contacts, they are losing points. "I did not do as well in the contest as last year - too many weekend distractions, not enough B-I-C."

Be a Better Contester

Randy, K5ZD, presented "Tips on How to Be a Better Contester" as part of HAM-CON, the Vermont Ham Radio Convention www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls54qbp30B8 and www.ham-con.org/. More HAM-CON videos can be found here https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzbTaI87SG0-6i2lwlm9Vkw/videos.

N1MM and RTTY

Mike, VA3MW of FlexRadio, presented a video on how to set up N1MM Logger+ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBmBlMaVJzc with FlexRadio transceivers for RTTY contests using MMTTY. Though his video was targeted to the CQ WPX, the radio setup information is applicable to any RTTY contest.

DX from Africa

Zambia, 9J. Bodo, HB9EWU expects to be active as 9J2BG while spending one year on a humanitarian mission at the St Paul's Mission General Hospital in Kashikishi (KI40IQ), northern Zambia. Activity will

be on 20 meters with an end-fed half-wave antenna into Yaesu FT-857. QSL via home call (direct or bureau); note that requests will be processed when he is back in Switzerland!

South Sudan, Z8. Massimo, IZ0EGB, is still there working and active as Z81B. He has been heard on 7 140 kHz at 22:00 UTC, 18 143 kHz between 09:00 – 10:30 UTC, 7 074 kHz at 21:49 UTC on FT8, 18:100 kHz between 19:30 – 21:45 UTC on FT8, 18 140 kHz between 10:00 – 11:10 UTC, 3 573 kHz between 22:12 – 23:00 UTC on FT8 and 14 190 kHz between 15:00 – 16:00 UTC. QSL via IZ0EGA, ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW.

Tanzania, 5H. Gab, HA3JB plans to operate as 5H1IP from Zanzibar (AF-032) between 20 and 30 September on 160 – 6 m (CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8) including the CQ WW RTTY Contest. QSL via HA3JB, ClubLog OQRS.

Operating Tip

Grounding and Bonding - According to Ward, N0AX, the "best time to do grounding and bonding work is before any equipment is installed." Starting with a clean slate, it is easier to define your protective zones and ensure all of your gear is within them.

RF Issues and a UPS

Gary, NA6O, tackled some RFI issues he had with Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSs) at his remote location. He found that both normal-mode noise and common-mode noise were being generated, which required different strategies to solve. You can read about it in the February 2021 Northern California Contesting Club magazine https://www.nccc.cc/jug/2021/02jug2021.pdf.

Workbench Vice

Ward, N0AX, noticed a workbench vice built by Frank, K4FMH, "A very flexible design that looks like it can hold all sorts of stuff like connectors and cables and PC boards alike." Using a device like this can help get hot solder where it belongs, and not on the floor, in your lap, or between your toes when you happen to be soldering in sandals. So, a friend tells me.
www.amateurradio.com/giving-back-to-elmers-the-soldering-platform-edition/

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 8 to 15 March 2021.

Novice Rig Roundup
00:00 UTC 6 March to 23:59 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 15, 10, 2 m
Classes: Novice 1 (xtal control); Novice 2 (VFO control)
Max power: Novice 1: 75 watts input; Novice 2: 250 watts input
Exchange: Name, QTH and optional – rig or NRR number
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 13 April 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
http://www.novicerigroundup.org/nrrLogger/login1.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.novicerigroundup.org/

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 8 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and
state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each state/province/country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 10 March 2021
Post log summary at: http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 8 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 12 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2l

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
01:00 - 01:59 UTC 9 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Overlay: Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL (female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)
Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL
Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 10 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://logs.wwsac.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://wwsac.com/rules.html

RTTYOPS Week Sprint
17:00 - 19:00 UTC 9 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op
Max operating hours: 2 hours
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 March 2021
E-mail logs to: rtty-week-tuesday@nrrlcontest.no
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://rttyops.wordpress.com/rtty-mini-contests/rttyops-Week Sprint/

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 10 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 11 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Weekly Test – Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 10 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 12 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no or CWA; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 13 March 2021
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
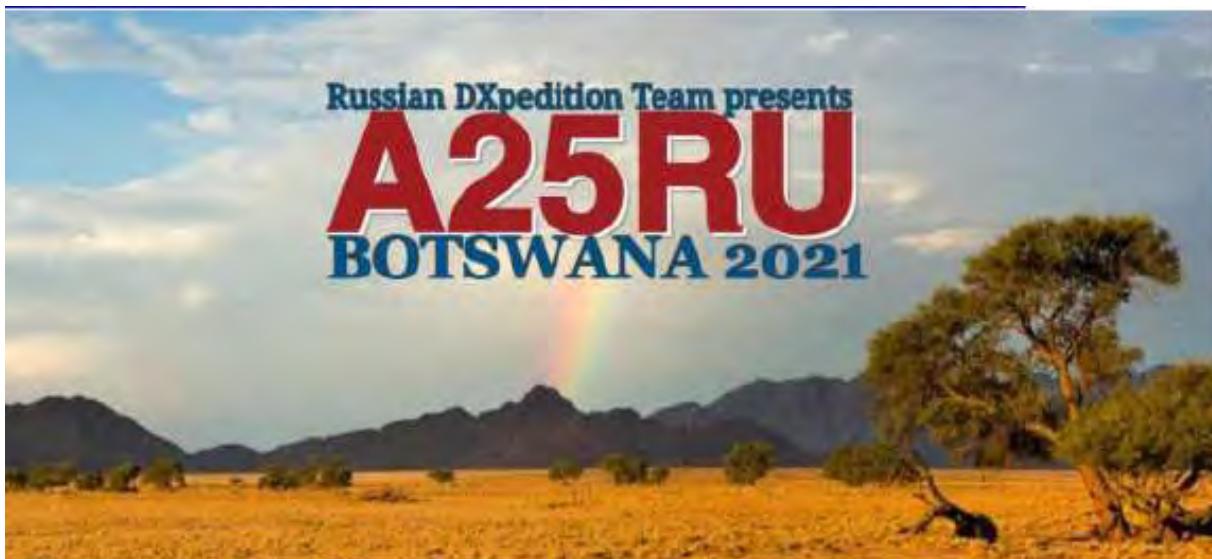Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/

RSGB 80 m Club CW Championship
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 10 March
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: United Kingdom
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 11 March 2021
Upload log at: http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2021/r80mcc.shtml

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest
23:00 UTC 10 March to 23:00 UTC 11 March and 23:00 UTC 13 March to 23:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, Eqpt Type and Eqpt Year
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 1 April 2021
E-mail logs to: w1zb@comcast.net
Mail logs to: Jerry Reine, W1ZB, 5 Tobey Lane, Andover, MA 01810, USA
Find rules at:
https://antiquewireless.org/homepage/john-rollins-memorial-dx-contest-2/

RTTYOPS Week Sprint
17:00 - 19:00 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op
Max operating hours: 2 hours
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 18 March 2021
E-mail logs to: rtty-week-thursday@nrrlcontest.no
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://rttyops.wordpress.com/rtty-mini-contests/rttyops-Week Sprint/

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 12 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 14 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 12 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 13 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 14 March 2021

E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

K1USN Slow Speed Test
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 12 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and
state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each state/province/country once
per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 14 March 2021
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html

YB DX RTTY Contest
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 13 March
Geographic Focus: Indonesia
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same
country; 2 points per QSO with different
country same continent; 3 points per QSO with
different continent; 10 points per QSO with YB
station
Multipliers: Each YB prefix once per band; Each
DXCC country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:
http://rtty.ybdxcontest.com/logs/log-
submission/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://rtty.ybdxcontest.com/

SARL National Field Day Contest
08:00 UTC 13 March to 06:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: South Africa
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital – any digital mode that
has the capability to send the exchange
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single-Op Field - QRP or high; Multi-Op
Field - QRP or high; Ultra-Light Portable;
Backyard station; General
Max power: QRP: 5 watts; non-QRP: >5 watts
Exchange: Number of transmitters, category
and Province (or "DX")
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 19 March 2021
E-mail logs to: zs4bfn@mweb.co.za
Find rules at: the 2021 SARL Blue Book

RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest
10:00 UTC 13 March to 10:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom and
Commonwealth
Participation: United Kingdom and
Commonwealth
Awards: United Kingdom and Commonwealth
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Open - 12 or 24 - assisted or
unassisted; Single Op Remote Open - 12 or 24;
Single Op Restricted - 12 or 24 - assisted or
unassisted; Single Op QRP - assisted or
unassisted; Multi-Op; Multi-Op Remote; HQ
Max power: Open: >100 watts; Restricted: 100
watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO; 20 additional
points for each of first three QSOs with a
Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points
Submit logs by: 19 March 2021

Upload log at: http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2021/rberu.shtml

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
12:00 UTC 13 March to 24:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 21 March 2021
Post log summary at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

F9AA SSB Cup
12:00 UTC 13 March to 12:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 m
Classes: >100 W; >10 - 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with individual; 5 points per QSO with club; 50 points per QSO with F8URC
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 13 April 2021
E-mail logs to: concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
http://www.site.urc.asso.fr/index.php/urchaut-6/om-6/131-trophee-f9aa

South America 10 Metre Contest
12:00 UTC 13 March to 12:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high – CW, SSB or mixed; Multi-Single
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RS(T) and CQ zone
QSO Points: 4 points per QSO SA station; 2 points per QSO with non-SA station in other country; 2 points per QSO with /MM or /AM; 0 points per QSO with station in same country
Multipliers: SA: each non-SA prefix; non-SA: each SA prefix; Each CQ zone
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 21 March 2021
E-mail logs to: logs@sa10m.com.ar
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://sa10m.com.ar/cqsa10m_rules.html

DIG SSB QSO Party
12:00 - 17:00 UTC 13 March (20 m - 10 m) and 07:00 - 09:00 UTC 14 March (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 14 March (40 m)
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: DIG Member: RS and member no; non-Member: RS
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 10 points per QSO with a DIG member
Multipliers: Each unique DIG member once; Each DXCC/WAE country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 31 May 2021
E-mail logs to: df2kd@web.de

Mail logs to: Karl-Dieter Heinen, DF2KD, Kropelspfad 3, D-53925 Kall, Germany
Find rules at: https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/downloads/dig-qso-party-en/

AGCW QRP Contest
14:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 March
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Only
Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts
Exchange: RST, QSO no, class (pwr) and AGCW member no or "NM" if not member
QSO Points: 0 points/QSO for QRO – QRO; 3 points/QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP – QRP; 2 points/QSO for all others
Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 31 March 2021
E-mail logs to: qrptest@agcw.de
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://alt.agcw.de/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/qrp-contest

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

15:00 UTC 13 March to 15:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160 m Only
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - QRP, low or high
Max operating hours: 14 hours
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts
Exchange: 4-Character grid square
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier
Submit logs by: 29 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
http://www.b4h.net/stew/tbdcsubmitlog.php
Mail logs to: BARC, 50335 NW Hayward Rd, Manning, OR 97125, USA
Find rules at: http://www.kkn.net/stew/

Oklahoma QSO Party
15:00 UTC 13 March to 02:00 UTC 14 March and 15:00 - 21:00 UTC 14 March

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8)
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op Fixed – CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; OK Multi-Multi; OK Mobile Non-Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; OK Mobile Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; OK Mobile Unlimited - CW, phone or mixed
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: OK: RS(T) and county; non-OK: RS(T) and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per Digital/CW QSO; Bonus points: (see rules)
Multipliers: OK: Each state, province, OK county, DXCC country; non-OK: OK counties once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 5 April 2021
E-mail logs to: okqplogs@suddenlink.net
Mail logs to: Oklahoma QSO Party, Connie Marshall, K5CM, 2991 S. Woodland Rd., Muskogee, OK 74403, USA
Find rules at: http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm

EA PSK63 Contest
16:00 UTC 13 March to 16:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: PSK63
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op
Exchange: EA: RSQ and province code; non-EA: RSQ and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 29 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: http://concursos.ure.es/en/logs/
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://concursos.ure.es/en/eapsk63/bases/

QCWA QSO Party
18:00 UTC 13 March to 18:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW/Digital, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: CW/Digital Only; Phone Only; Mixed
Exchange: last 2 digits of year first licensed, name and state, province, country or QCWA chapter
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 100 bonus points for each QSO with W2 mM on each band and mode
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mult points) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 13 April 2021
E-mail logs to: w2od@aol.com
Mail logs to: W2OD, Robert Buus, 8 Donner Street, Holmdel N.J. 07733-2004, USA
Find rules at: https://www.qcwa.org/2021-qso-party-rules.pdf

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest
18:00 UTC 13 March to 05:59 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, serial no and 4-character grid square
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 19 March 2021
E-mail logs to: tesla@radiosport.org.rs
Upload log at: http://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/HFTesla Memorial/index.php/log-submitting-service
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
http://www.radiosport.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial/index.php/rules

Idaho QSO Party
19:00 UTC 13 March to 19:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8)
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile/Rover - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Special Event - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: ID: County; non-ID: state, province or country
Work stations: Once per mode per band
QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO
Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 24 March 2021
E-mail logs to: idahoqso@gmail.com
Mail logs to: Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club - IDQP Logs, PO Box 5892, Twin Falls, ID. 83303, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqsoparty/

North American RTTY Sprint
23:00 UTC 13 March to 03:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max operating hours: 4 hours
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state/DC (including KH6/KL7) once; Each VE province/territory once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 21 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf

FIRAC HF Contest
07:00 UTC to 17:00 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: FIRAC Member; Non-Member; SWL
Exchange: Member: RS(T), serial no and "F"; Non-member: RS(T)
QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with FIRAC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member
Multipliers: Each FIRAC member DXCC country once only
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 28 March 2021
E-mail logs to: contest@firac.de
Mail logs to: Stegan Tanko, YO6BGT, Lunca Mare 4, sc A, 16, RO-530231 Miercurea-Ciuc, Romania
Find rules at:
http://www.firac.de/FIRAC_HF_CONTEST_E.pdf

Classic Exchange, Phone
14:00 UTC 14 March to 08:00 UTC 15 March and 14:00 UTC 16 March to 08:00 UTC 17 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: AM, SSB, FM

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: (see rules)
Exchange: Name, RS, state, province or country and rcvr/xmtr manuf/model
Work stations: Once per band per mode per rcr/xmtr manuf/model
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = sum (total mode QSO points x total mode mults) and Bonus Points
Submit logs by: 30 April 2021
E-mail logs to: k2rp@arrl.net
Mail logs to: K2RP, 659 Shanas Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.classicexchange.org/announcments/Winter_2021_CX_Rules.pdf

Wisconsin QSO Party
18:00 UTC 14 March to 01:00 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Digital (no FT4/8) and Phone
Bands: All, except WARC
Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or rookie - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - fixed or mobile- QRP, low or high; Multi/Multi - fixed or mobile- QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO; Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county from which you make at least 12 QSOs; Bonus Points: 100 points for each band/mode QSO with W9FK
Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once
Power mults: HP x 1,0, LP x 1,5, QRP x 2,0
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 28 March, 2021
E-mail logs to: wiqp-logs@warac.org

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party, PO Box 511381, New Berlin, WI 53151, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non- member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 17 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://qrpcontest.com/4sqrp
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each state/province/country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 17 March 2021
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single
Op Single Band - QRP or low
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each last character of worked
station call suffix once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 19 March 2021
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2l

Bucharest Digital Contest
18:00 - 20:59 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low - 2-Band or
Single Band; Single Op 2 Radio Low Power 2-Band

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and QSO no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 March 2021
E-mail logs to: bucurestidigital@gmail.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://yo3test201x.blogspot.com/

RSGB FT4 Contest Series
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 15 March
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: 4-character grid square
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each large locator square
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 21:30 UTC 16 March 2021
Upload log at: https://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2021/r80m_ft4.shtml

Next Week's Contests

Classic Exchange, Phone, 14:00 UTC 14 March to 08:00 UTC 15 March and 14:00 UTC 16 March to 08:00 UTC 17 March
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 16 March
CLARA Chatter Party, 17:00 UTC 16 March to 17:00 UTC 17 March and 17:00 UTC 20 March to 17:00 UTC 21 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 16 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 17 March
Phone Weekly Test – Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 17 March
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 18 March
NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 18 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 18 March
BCC QSO Party, 19:30 - 20:59 UTC 18 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 19 March

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 19 March
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 19 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 19 March
BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 20 March to 01:59 UTC 22 March
Russian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 20 March to 12:00 UTC 21 March
Virginia QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 20 March to 04:00 UTC, and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 March
Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 20 March
UBA Spring SSB Contest, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 21 March
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 23:00 UTC 21 March to 01:00 UTC 22 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 March
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 22 March
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 23 March
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 23 March